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Commissioner Crawford noted that similar signs are beautiful when viewed from the air.

Commissioner Pete Moore agreed, noting that in Sandusky, Ohio, a similar floral arrangement is changed daily to reflect the date.

While commissioners were reluctant to approve a plan that would be too ambitious, concerned that it should not require too much maintenance, they gave Mr. Wright the go-ahead to develop a plan, and to present the commission with a cost estimate, for its construction and maintenance.

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"We'd like to start a citizens

observer patrol in the area and we've found that COP programs are only effective when there's a physical presence of an officer in the neighborhood," Captain Frechette said.

"It gives officers an opportunity to get out of the car," said Deputy Philip Dimola. "It's in a perfect area to keep an eye on the school, which should cut down on truancy and its a cross street for drug trafficking."

As officers get to know residents in the neighborhood, the new facility could serve as a community center, where children could come and do homework, watch videotapes or play computer games and otherwise interact with sheriff's officers

and volunteers.

Belle Glade Housing Authority executive director Alan Sullivan said having sheriff's sub-offices in the complexes makes it easier for residents to bring their concerns to the attention of law enforcement officers and serves as a deterrent to potential lawbreakers.

Captain Frechette said other offices in Fern Village, Padgett Village and the Town Star in Pahokee have had a tremendous impact on crime in those neighborhoods.

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Upcoming meeting for SHIP Spirit 2000

The next Senior HIV Intervention Project Spirit 2000 meeting will be held Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at Mt. Zion AME church, 248 S.W. 10th Street, Belle Glade.

Free estate planning seminar Jan. 27

Florida Estates Services Attorney A. Patricia Barwick will be offering a free educational presentation on Revocable Living Trusts on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 2:30 p.m. at the Drawbridge Cafe in Belle Glade.

Issues to be discussed include Wills vs. Living Trusts, How to Avoid Probate, Conservatorship and Eliminating Unnecessary Estate Taxes.

Reservations can be made by calling (800) 874-8724.

Church rummage sale

The United Methodist Women of Community United Methodist Church are planning a rummage sale on Saturday, Jan. 29 from 7 a.m. to noon. The

sale will be at 401 S.W. First Street, Belle Glade in Jameson Hall and in the parking lot across the street. Proceeds will benefit the many church projects.

Glades Airboat & Buggy monthly meeting

The Glades Airboat & Buggy Association will hold their monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge in the dining room. Members and guests are invited to attend. Members and guests are also invited to the lake on Saturday for a meal. All participants should bring a covered dish.

For more information call 992-5886.

Fox Family at South Bay Church of God

The Fox Family from Nashville, Tennessee will perform at the South Bay Church of God on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.

The community is invited to attend this free concert. The South Bay Church of God is located at 156 N.W. 9th Avenue.

Parents invited to learn about Megaskills

All parents, friends and members of the community were invited to a Megaskill Workshop at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 1 & 8 to learn how to help your child succeed in school and life.

Sessions will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 1200 E. Main Street, Pahokee. For more information contact Gloria Williams or Orinda Potter at 924-6441 or 924-6460.

Vendor booths available for Black Gold Jubilee

Vendor booth applications are now being accepted for the 2000 Black Gold Jubilee to be held April 35. Applications may be obtained from the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce; by mail at P.O. Box 733, Belle Glade, FL, 33430, or by calling 993-3343.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2000.

Black Gold Photography Contest open

Applications are now available for the annual Black Gold Jubilee Photography Contest. The theme of this year's Jubilee is "Reflections of the Glades" and the event will be held April 15 at the Belle Glade Marina.

Deadline to enter the photography contest is Friday, March 24 at 5 p.m. and applications can be mailed or delivered to Karen Corbin, 148 S.E. 5th Street, North, Belle Glade or to Diane Carter, City of Belle Glade, Municipal Complex, Belle Glade.

Photos entered in the contest must have been taken in the counties surrounding Lake Okeechobee: Palm Beach, Hendry, Glades, Okeechobee and Martin Counties. The photo must have been taken in 1999-2000 and must be no larger than 8 by 10.

Categories include: landscape/still life, character (people) or nature (animals/birds).

Applications are available at The Sun newspaper, Everglades Trading or Averill's Studio and Gifts.

For more information call Mrs. Corbin at 996-6851 or Mrs. Carter at

996-0100, extension 608.

Workers needed for Census 2000

The Census 2000 Bureau is in the process of scheduling testing sites for the Glades for positions that will be available in this upcoming census. The positions are part-time and full time, as Census takers, crew leaders and office clerks.

Anyone interested can call Belle Glade City Hall at 996-0100 and leave their name and number with the receptionist or call 1-888-325-7733 to find out how and where to apply.

Alzheimer's Association to host celebration

The Alzheimer's Community Care Association in Pahokee will host a celebration, "Honoring Our Heritage," for patients and family members Friday, Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. in the old Pahokee High school Cafeteria. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Annette Wiseman at 924-7283.



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Food combinations may be as important as food choices



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Contributing Editor

If you sometimes have trouble with your digestion, you might want to think not only about what foods give you problems but also about what combinations of foods are troublesome.

This theory can be found in many different diet plans. Macrobiotics, which is often associated with Eastern cultures, divides food into categories of yin and yang. A healthy balance of yin and yang is needed for a healthy diet. According to "Vegetarian Times Complete Cookbook," a sample macrobi-

otic diet might be one-half grains, one-fourth to one-third vegetables, 5 to 15 percent legumes or fish and the remainder, soup.

Another theory of healthy eating is called "Natural Hygiene." Those who follow this diet plan only consume compatible foods at any given meal. Compatibility, according to "Vegetarian Times Complete Cookbook" is based on what enzymes the body uses to break down the foods in the digestive system.

This makes it easier for the body to digest the meal. Using this theory, green and low-starch vegetables go well with protein or starch foods.

However, proteins and starch foods should not be eaten at the same meal.

Fruit is in a category by itself

and it is suggested that it be eaten separately. Fruit is high in natural sugar and digests very quickly if the digestive system is not bogged down with other foods.

Most diets which promote the idea of balancing the types of foods eaten also suggest eating several small meals a day rather than two or three large ones.

Smaller amounts of food are easier to digest and eating many mini-meals also means the stomach is not left empty for long periods of time. Those who suffer from ulcers and some other digestive problems are often advised not to go long periods between meals.

Obviously, some foods are just easier to digest than others.

For example, papaya is very

easy on the digestion and is even touted as the health food remedy for ulcers.

If you're wondering what foods are easiest to digest, think about the foods that babies are given as they first learn to eat.

"These foods such as bananas, applesauce, rice cereal, oatmeal and sweet potatoes are generally easy to digest."

Chicken and turkey are usually the first meats suggested for babies to try for the same reason. These foods are easy to digest.

Milk is a little trickier. Babies are not generally given cow's milk.

Mother's milk is best, as study after study proves. (A recent study in the news claimed infants who are breast-fed are smarter than formula-

fed babies because their developing brains get the benefits of better nutrition.)

Formula may be made from soybeans or from cow's milk or goat's milk, but formula is very different from regular milk.

Those with digestive ailments should check with their doctor about what kind of milk is safe for them to drink.

There are so many choices of milk these days (whole milk, low-fat, fat-free, one percent, two percent, skim, etc.) it can be very confusing.

Before making any changes in diet or exercise plans, check with your doctor. This is especially important if you are on prescription medications. Many prescription drugs interact badly with foods that would otherwise be considered healthy.

ER Chronicles: The good news is...



Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

By Arlen R. Stauffer, MD
I can't get out of bed. Jerry's weak voice rose from under a bed sheet.

"Huh?" Jan wasn't quite sure if this was just another playful moment concocted by her jokester husband. If it was, his imitation of feeling bad sounded pretty convincing.

"My whole body hurts. I don't think I can even raise my head up," Jerry coughed a couple times.

"Jerry, you were feeling a little down yesterday; is this different?"

"A hundred times more down," he moaned.

Jan pulled down the top of the sheet, and looked at Jerry's face.

"Ooh. You don't look so good." "Thanks, Babe. I feel like..." Jan was opening the closet door and retrieving the thermometer. She placed it in Jerry's mouth.

"Woah! 102?"

When her call to their physicians came did not result in the chance at an office appointment, Jan considered the

options.

"Jerry, Dr. Smothers can't see you before Friday. They say a bunch of the flu is going around." She noticed some sweat beading up on his forehead. "I read in the paper that there is medicine for it now; maybe we should go over to the hospital."

Jerry tried to cover his mouth as he coughed and stumbled through the ER entrance doors. Jan crossed into the triage area first, and waited there while Jerry sat in a plastic chair. He hung his head forward and closed his eyes. He shrugged his aching shoulders.

"Phil, the ER triage nurse this morning, motioned to Jan.

"What's wrong today?" "Oh, it's not me. It's my husband; he's got a fever."

Phil looked past Jan toward Jerry. Jan dragged him by the arm into the triage chair.

"Gotta bug?" Phil had seen this same look dozens of times in the past month.

"It started last evening. I felt a little weak," Jerry looked up at Phil. "Then it really hit me this morning."

As Phil was checking Jerry's temperature, he listened to the familiar story:

"And now all of my muscles

ache, and they're so weak, I can hardly stand up. I just want to lay down." Then, pausing as he tried to think clearly, he added, "Is there somewhere I can lay down now?"

Phil nodded, then walked toward the empty bed in ER Room 4. Jerry followed. He crawled up on that mattress and greeted it with his face like it was his best friend.

Within a few minutes, the physician walked in.

"Hi, I'm Dr. Cortez, the 'emergency physician.' She paused briefly and shook Jerry's hand. "I hear you have a fever. Tell me how this all started."

For a couple minutes, Cortez listened as Jerry described his aches, cough, headache, and scratchy throat again. She picked up some tools, and began exploring his sick body.

"Is it a dry cough?" Jerry nodded. "Take some deep breaths for me, Sir." Cortez moved her stethoscope into position on Jerry's back and chest.

After probing his abdomen, Cortez took one step back. She addressed both Jerry and his wife.

"This looks like a case of influenza virus. We've been seeing a lot of it lately."

Oh, boy," Jan responded.

"Does this mean I'm in for a similar ride this week?"

Cortez shrugged her shoulders. "It is pretty contagious, especially with that cough."

Jan frowned. Jerry looked down at her and smirked. He tried to wink at her, but even his eyelids and forehead hurt, so he kept still.

"The good news is, however, that there is medication specifically for the flu viruses, and we've been having pretty good luck with them. I'll give you a prescription. You'll also need to take medication for the fever and aches. I like ibuprofen and Tylenol for this and check plenty of fluids."

Jerry didn't move. Jan thanked Cortez, and sat back in her chair to await the prescription. She then stood up and approached the bed. She raised her hand to take Jerry's, but stopped short, withdrawing her hand and returning to the chair.

The hands-on caring would have to wait a day or two. She noticed a sink nearby, and washed her hands with plenty of soap.

"Can we go home, Babe?" Jerry moaned.

He coughed twice, and Jan backed away a couple more feet from his bed.

Influenza viruses are members of the orthomyxovirus family. There are three types, A, B, and C, but only influenza A and B viruses cause disease in humans.

Influenza viruses mutate frequently, and sometimes two different types of them can even share parts, resulting in new viruses for which the human population has little or no immunity.

Flu generally occurs from November through April in the USA, and it is spread by droplets generated by the cough, often leading to attack rates as high as 30 percent. Common symptoms include fever, chills, headache, sore throat, aching muscles and joints, and a malaise that is often quite profound.

There are now four forms of drugs that have specific antiviral activity against common influenza viruses, and they can lessen the symptoms and shorten the course of the disease. They work best if started early in the course of the illness.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. www.fcsep.org



The Pahokee Medical Center has reopened under new management. Staff members, right to left include administrator Yvonne Broche, from Pan American in Miami; Dr. Bernabe Barredo, MD specializing in general practice; Dr. Carmen E. Morales, MD, Internal Medicine; Willie F. Lawrence, director of marketing and managed care; Tammy Sims, lab technician and Gail Jordan, medical records. Pahokee Medical Center wants to provide the best medical care for Pahokee, Canal Point and the Glades areas. They provide radiology, ultrasound, and lab services. Alfredo Rodriguez is the owner and president. The Pahokee Medical Center accepts Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance. Office hours are Monday-Friday 9-5 p.m. For more information, or to schedule an appointment phone 924-2280.

Keep in touch!
E-mail your news to The Sun at Sun@nite.net

Dr. José R. Thomas-Richards of the Orthopaedic & Hand Center of the Glades is relocating his practice.

Should you need copies of your medical records from the Belle Glade or Clewiston office, please contact:

Debbie Boswell, Manager
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Something's fishy at Glades General... If you attended the Chamber breakfast at Glades General last week you couldn't help but notice there are fish everywhere! Handing from the ceiling, on doors, windows, walls, fish napkins and live goldfish on the tables. Everyone was asking "what's with the fish?" One physician wanted to know why Glades General was turning into an aquarium. If you ask any employee, they don't know. All they know is that they appear to be multiplying! So, this reporter wants to know... "Glades General, what's with the fish?"

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OPINION PAGE

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Speak Out is our 24-hour opinion line.

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Speak Out was not in

"I called you guys about two weeks ago about an opinion I had. It was about Belle Glade City Hall and why they didn't put up a banner for Glades Central for winning the state championship. I was informed that this question did not make it into your paper. What's the problem?"

Editor's note: We remember when you called. I thought your call was typed and put in, but I see it was not. The caller below expresses your concerns again, but addresses it to many individuals. If any of those mentioned in the next Speak Out call would like to respond, they can do so in the next issue of The Sun.

Two years and still nothing

"Last year, without a shadow of a doubt, we as Belle Glade citizens knew that the City of Belle Glade would be shut down, so that the 1998 Glades Central Raiders State Champions would have an outstanding celebration for their outstanding accomplishment. This was such a let down.

The football players have once again proved themselves to be none other than state champions. The following listed individuals should have much say in regards to a celebration for these young men: Dr. Effie Grear, Mrs. Harma Miller, Mr. Steve Wilson and any other pertinent city officials should gather together to comprise something, to show these young men that their hard work is greatly appreciated.

Parts of the city of Belle Glade should be locked down, for this particular celebration. Also the players should receive gold rings instead of silver rings for this accomplishment. Lastly, if Glades Day would have won their State Championship, Main Street would have been locked down for a while and these individuals would have had a big festival. These players need to have something done in their favor.

A Belle Glade citizen"

Why is the park shut down?

"I'd like to know why they've got Lyons Park shut down after dark now? If they're going to do that, how about shutting down all the rest of the parks in Belle Glade at dark? If not, get over there and fix it and get it open."

Coffee Speak Out an eye opener

"Good morning. I'm just reading the Speak

Out about 'No more free coffee' at City Hall.

As I'm reading I'm drinking a cup of coffee where I work that the staff and I have paid for. I have worked here 30 years and never have they given us free coffee.

It does not appear that this is an item the city should be providing.

Thanks to the city employee who brought this to my attention, I'm going to pass this on to others. We've never had free coffee and I believe those employees should chip in and pay for their own coffee, just like the other workers in offices.

Thank you."

Caller wants better answer

"While I appreciate Chief Miller's response to last week's Speak Out about the closing of the East bridge over the canal, I don't understand why the bridge has been closed now for about three weeks.

No work has apparently been done. The bridge is just sitting there, decorated with yellow ribbon. If construction had been promptly started, okay, but that hasn't been the case.

In the mean time, why close it?

Thank you."

Michael R. Miller, director of public safety/chief of police responds: "Please allow me to give more specific information about the closing of S.E. 7th Street Bridge. The bridge is closed due to an inspection by the Florida Department of Transportation, the results of which declared the bridge structurally unsafe. Due to this declaration, I recommended the bridge be closed immediately until repairs could be made. The City of Belle Glade has moved with all due speed to allocate the funds, prepare the bid document, review the bid document, and award the contract, so the necessary repairs can be made. Repairs to the bridge will begin as soon as all proper documents can be executed and the construction company can schedule their work.

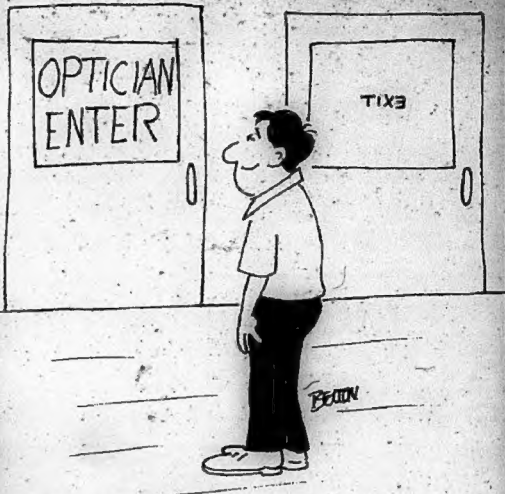
I am aware that this situation is inconvenient to many citizens and we are doing our best to expedite the necessary repairs.

The bottom line is the bridge is closed because it is unsafe and it will remain closed until it is safe."

Loud music

Yes, Chief Miller or whoever needs to do something about these people playing this loud music.

Speak Out continues on Page 5



Letter to the Editor

Shocking murders in Pahokee

Dear Editor:

Here are some of the things being said in Pahokee about the recent murders:

"It's just street trash cleaning up other street trash."

"He deserved what he got for killing the other guy."

"They were probably illegals anyway."

"It was a drug-related crime, who cares?"

"I didn't even know them so how could I help?"

"They didn't live in my neighborhood, thank God."

"Why don't they do something about the crime in Pahokee?"

These verbalizations and many others like them have been abundant within our community for the past few weeks and have been about as useful as the proverbial mammary appendage on a male hog. These comments, and the apathetic attitudes of the people who utter them are of no help to the men and women whom we rely on to protect and serve us in our times of need...our law enforcement officers, detectives, jailers and judges.

Our "system" is not perfect, and can only work properly when we all do our part. The judge can not decree...the jury can not reach a verdict...the officers cannot arrest and protect...the dispatcher cannot summon help...without you and I...we, us...no matter our color, which language we speak, what part of the community we live in, or how much we are paid if we are lucky enough to have a job.

Our community has seen better days and times and we are struggling to put our best efforts forward to enhance the future of this fine town we all love. We are trying to beautify it, clean it, stop its decay and bring new life to this "other shore" of Palm Beach County. No matter how hard we work to accomplish change, it will serve no purpose if we do not provide our police, deputies and detectives with the information and "leads" that only we can give. They need our help...we are part of their team.

There have been far too many lives lost to drugs, murder and other crimes in our community this year...a record number in fact. The recent murders of two Hispanic males, a native Caucasian male, preceded by the murders of a young black man and his alleged murderer are shocking and senseless. We can only be assured

that more will follow unless we help ourselves by assisting our law enforcement agencies in their efforts to solve these crimes.

We all know that there are people who witnessed some of these and other crimes...some of us have seen the victims in the company of "shady" characters...some of us have even had the murderers tell us of their deeds...and perhaps some of us have benefited from their crimes.

Someone out there knows something that will help put the criminals away...someone saw or heard something. No matter how small or insignificant an item may seem to us, the deputies and detectives know what to do with it. Please think about it...please ask your friends and neighbors to think about it...please help stop the crime in Pahokee by providing information and cooperation to our law enforcement agencies.

I know that the fear is always there when you provide information to an officer that the criminal will somehow find out and retaliate, but I also know that God has provided each of us with courage and the desire to "do the right thing"...so let's do it!

Let's remember that the answer to the question "Why don't they do something about the crime in Pahokee?" can only be provided if we realize that the "they" in the question are really and ultimately "US." They can only do their job if we help them.

Please...if you know anything about these or other crimes, or know someone who does, please contact the members of the law enforcement community who are anxiously awaiting OUR help to solve the crimes that plague our community. Your help can make a difference.

You may call the Sheriff's Office District 5 Substation directly in Belle Glade at 996-1689...if you wish to remain anonymous, just call the Crime Stoppers TIPS line at (800) 458-8477 and if you really want to keep your identity a secret, then call from a pay phone.

Perhaps the "straight and narrow path" would be wider if more of us used it...Please help make Pahokee a better, safer, crime-free community...Speak out and stand for your fellow man.

Very sincerely
Your neighbor
Larry Wright

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Expecting too much from your meteorologist?



Mike Lyons

Sometimes people expect too much from their friendly neighborhood meteorologist. "My wedding is six months from tomorrow," the lady on the phone informed me. "Is it going to rain?"

"I'm pretty good, I told the lady, but no one is that good. I informed the caller that meteorologists can now predict with a good degree of certainty weather patterns 10 days down the road, but six months is impossible.

"Sometimes, six hours can be tough, particularly here in Florida where the intense sun, humidity, tropical heat and warm ocean waters often combine to create a weather forecasting nightmare.

Unlike the northern half of the country where the weather is usually dictated by an active jet stream, Florida's southern location and tropical climate produces unique weather patterns that take time to learn.

For example, a simple shift

in wind direction can drive a forecast crazy. When a strong north wind turns to the northeast, a sunny day can quickly turn gray and wet.

Still, thanks to improved technology and a better understanding of weather patterns, the accuracy of all weather forecasts continue to improve.

But for the family of Charles Cobb that wasn't good enough. Cobb, a passenger on a fishing boat, was thrown off the boat and drowned in rough seas.

His family sued The Weather Channel alleging the cable channel had not informed viewers of the dangerous ocean conditions. What's more, the suit said that Cobb had purposely watched The Weather Channel prior to his fishing trip, looking for specific information about the seas.

The lawsuit said that The Weather Channel forecasters had made a mistake in predicting a mistake that resulted in the death of Charles Cobb. As a result of that error, the family was asking for \$10 million in damages.

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida settled the matter quickly. The court dismissed the Cobb lawsuit saying "because prediction of weather is precisely that—a prediction—a weather forecaster should not be subject to liability for an erroneous forecast."

The Court went on to write

260 S.W. 12th Avenue, South Bay. His Social Security number is 594-05-4990 and his last occupation was as a laborer. His warrant was active as of January 18, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Ambroint Arnold or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Ambroint Arnold who is wanted for violation of probation on charges of robbery with a deadly weapon.

Arnold is a black male, 5'9" tall, and weighs 145 pounds. He has tattoos on both arms. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is June 16, 1977.

His last known address was



Ambroint Arnold

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 581 complaints and gave 33 traffic citations the week of January 17-23.

Those arrested included:

January 17 - Jose Rodriguez, 23, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; Barry Lee Peterson, 51, stalking; Arnold Miller, 18, resisting an officer without violence; Juvenile, 15, obstruction of an officer; Rocquell Bedick, 18, obstruction of an officer; Mercedes Allen, 32, obstruction of an officer; Benny Lee Tule Jr., 31, grand theft auto.

January 18 - Daniel David Miller, 44, domestic battery; David Lee Bush, 31, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; Juvenile, 14, loitering and prowling, resisting an officer without violence; Juvenile, 14, loitering and prowling and resisting an officer without violence.

January 19 - Juvenile, 16, retail theft and resisting an officer without violence; Herman Harris, 64, domestic battery; Marquette Beckford, 22, obstruction of an officer and resisting an officer with violence; Willie Green, 25, violation of probation; Juvenile, 15, battery on a law enforcement officer and obstruction of an officer.

January 20 - Leon Williams, 34, failure to appear on charges of possession of narcotic paraphernalia and driving without a driver's license and driving while license suspended; Carmen Vargas, 22, aggravated domestic assault on a pregnant female; Anthony Cannady, 28, sale of cocaine and possession of cocaine; Salomone Vixamat, 59, possession of cocaine with intent to purchase.

January 21 - Lorraine Johnson, 14, burglary of an auto and petty theft; Corey Fredrick, 22, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Juvenile, 16, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and resisting an officer without violence; Terrance Fredericks, 19, failure to appear on charges of possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

January 22 - Virginia Adams, 22, failure to appear on a case disposition; Ismael Mendoza, 31, criminal mischief; Jessie Franklin, 42, trespassing after warning; Jose Chambe, 34, corruption by threat and carrying a concealed weapon; John Young, 26, order of commitment; Robert Frier, 19, possession of alcohol by a person under 21 years of age; Duane Dowdell, 29, domestic bat-

tery.

January 23 - Lloyd Cunningham, 20, domestic battery.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 13 arrests the week of January 16-22.

Those arrested included:

January 16 - Darryl Henderson, 25, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Zandra Hatcher, 24, domestic battery.

January 17 - Clifford Bonca, 27, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Juvenile, 15, warrant for failure to appear on charges of battery, trespassing after warning and domestic battery.

January 18 - No arrests made.

January 19 - Paul Byars, 27, destroying a fire alarm in a correctional facility and criminal mischief under \$1,000; Craveland L. Hooker, 28, disorderly intoxication; Michael Dennis Boldin, 19, warrant for failure to appear on five charges of issuing worthless checks; Clifton W. Dunnaway, 24, warrant for violation of probation from PRIDE and DUI.

January 20 - Cornell Kenneth Williams, 34, warrant for resisting arrest without violence; Richard W. Crowe Jr., 39, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

January 21 - Cecil Brown, 48, possession of cocaine.

January 22 - Jose Segura, 23, warrant for failure to appear for arraignment.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 206 calls, issued 11 traffic citations and made 7 arrests the week of January 17-23.

Those arrested included:

January 17 - Makije Boyce, 35, forgery.

January 18 - No arrests made.

January 19 - Gilbert Longoria, 33, disorderly intoxication, loitering, corruption by threat to a public servant; Joseph Eassy, 52, battery on a pregnant female.

January 20 - Leon Harrell, 21, possession of cocaine and tampering with evidence; Kevin Toulis, 33, warrant for violation of probation.

January 21 - Tony Lee Kinsler, 42, domestic battery; Ronaldo Ward, 54, domestic battery.



Shanisha Boetic, Santos Rodriguez and Wilkelman LeBrun were among the Glades Central Criminal Justice students who had the opportunity to investigate a car fire staged by Belle Glade Fire Rescue and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. The scene was equipped with witnesses, evidence and classroom instruction during which students learned the proper procedure in handling a crime scene and other skills.

Fire Marshal and PBSO deputies host arson investigation with Glades Central criminal justice magnet students

Students from Glades Central High School Criminal Justice Academy receive a hands-on training exercise from Belle Glade Fire Marshal Donald Hamilton, PBSO Crime Scene Detective Tony Mead and PBSO Deputy Lee Sutterfield. The scene was arranged specially for these cadets to enhance class lectures they have received from their instructor. The car was burned and extinguished early in the morning by Belle Glade Fire Rescue. The scene was equipped with witnesses, evidence, and further class instruction. Students learned the proper procedure in handling a crime scene along with interviewing techniques, courtroom testimony and fire science.

Karen Schultz, the Academy's Coordinator and instructor Brian Frank could not be more pleased with the continued success of such training exercises.

"We would not be able to furnish such opportunities to our cadets without the overwhelming support of such officers. These officers Sutterfield, Mead and Hamilton, have been providing lectures and experiences for our students for the past two years. This has made a huge impression on the achievement of the students in this program."

The students that participated in the exercises have taken four years of criminal justice training and completed internships with the Belle Glade Police Department, the State Attorney's Office and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. These students are preparing for a career in the field of criminal justice and have been able to participate in many activities along with the ability to make informed decisions about their next step in education and/or training.

Speak Out/From Pg. 4

At 10 and 11 p.m. at night these people will be sitting in their yards or on the street and the sound is so loud it jars your house and you can feel the

vibrations lying in your bed. Something needs to be done. The music is too loud."

Chief Miller responds: "I agree that loud music is a problem and at a certain point it is a

violation of the law. Please continue to call the police when these noise problems occur."

If you are not satisfied with the police response, please call me at the Police Department at 996-7270."

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Sports this week

Glades Day Junior High Boys improve record to 9-1

The Glades Day Gators Junior High Boys basketball team brought their season record to 9-1, with a win over Clewiston Middle Jan. 19 46-30, defeating Jupiter Christian 54-16 Jan. 20 and King's Academy Jan. 21 40-11.

Leading the team's scoring last week, D. J. Brown, who Coach Seider described as "a great player and hard worker, totalled 53 points, 36 rebounds and 12 steals. Ray Towell contributed 27 points, 16 rebounds

and 22 steals. Nick Wingate also played really well, the coach said, "for being only a sixth grader."

The team will travel to Clewiston Jan. 27 before returning home to face Benjamin, Jan. 29. The boys defeated both Clewiston and Benjamin in their last meetings, but Coach Brian Seider said it will be tough defeating them the second time around.

Coach Seider said in this week's play, he expects point

guard Justin Garrett to run to team well and hopes "our big men" Rory Tieder and Jeff Carter will contribute more scoring.

The team hopes that the pressure defense they've been using will allow them to jump out to a favorable lead in both games, Coach Seider said.

"We need to continue to play with the same intensity we have displayed all year long," Coach Seider said.

Also on the Mustang's team from Belle Glade are split end Julian Lovett, who was also named to the All Conference Offense first team, freshman defensive back Derrick Saunders, who was named to the third team, freshman wide receiver Steve Brown, freshman linebacker Oliver Saunders and freshman defensive back Uwean Cooper.

In all, the Mustangs ended their 1999 season 5-2 overall, winning three games and losing one in conference play.

Patterson, who majored in liberal arts at SUNY, is being recruited by the University of Buffalo, Florida A&M, Morgan State and Tennessee State to complete his collegiate football career.

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Sports Spotlight

Former Glades Central quarterback Custavious Patterson, class of 1998 was named quarterback for the first team in the Northeast Football Conference offense after leading the State University of New York (SUNY) team to its first Northeast Football Conference title.

Patterson, the son of Edwin Haynes of Belle Glade and Eugene Patterson of Pahokee ended his second season at SUNY first in the conference in passing with 1800 yards, 20 touchdowns and 336 yards rushing with two touchdowns. He finished his career at SUNY, a two-year school, as the school's all time leader in all three categories with 3,096 yards for two years, 30 touchdowns and 500 yards rush-



Custavious Patterson

ing with two TDs. In the Mustang's final game of the season, Patterson broke the school's single game passing record for touchdown passes, completing 12 of 24 attempts, rushing 310 yards for five touch down passes.



Pahokee High School Junior varsity cheerleaders include Kerl Smith, Laquanada McKinney, Raneha Hill, Keshanetha Smith, Lashondria Ferguson, and Kenya Wheeler, with their coach Mrs. Bolden-Morris. (Photo by Tracy Whirlis)

ARC golf tournament draws 96 golfers

The oldest continuous golf tournament in the Glades, The Glades Area ARC's annual scramble golf tournament also became the first tournament of the new century as 96 golfers scrambled for the 8 a.m. tee-off at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course on Jan. 15.

Unseasonably warm weather early in the week turned cool, and windy but did not deter an unusually large turnout for this annual event benefiting the programs and services of the Association for Retarded Citizens. Nine teams from the Sebring-Lake Placid area drove through the glades hours to support the ARC and play this tournament as well as teams from coastal Palm Beach County. Their support was rewarded as a West Palm team took first place on the ARC tournament trophy.

Recognized on the permanent trophy as winner of this 72k ARC Golfing, the Glades Tournament was the team of Shane Prettyman, Steve

Prettyman, Charles Fall and Doug Santaniello. The second place team was Jesse Lee, Mike Cunningham, Jeff Royal and Larry Lee. Third went to Juan Iglesias, John Bush, Rip Pelham and Kennedy Bain.

Fourth were Harvey Thornberry, Bill Thornberry, Jim May and Dick Volney. The winning ticket for the "Golf Treasury Chest" drawing valued at over \$450 was held by Bob Weir. The \$1,000,000.00 hole-in-one shot attempt by the closest to the pin during the regular round was unsuccessful.

ARC board of directors presi-

dent Donia Roberts and tournament co-chairs Tommy Cone and Laura Hoad, expressed their appreciation to the golfers, the community of private and corporate sponsors, the golf course staff and the ARC board members who contributed and worked to make this event a success for the ARC and the people of the Glades with developmental disabilities. Mr. Cone was also recognized by the ARC Board for his eleven years as tournament chairman and presented with a plaque and their thanks as the golfers applauded his efforts.



The South Bay City Commission issued a proclamation at their regular meeting last Tuesday recognizing the state champion Glades Central football team and their coach, Milton Watson. Pictured above are Commissioners Carlissa Davis, Esther Berry, vice Mayor Willie Lawrence, Mayor Clarence Anthony, Coach Watson, and Commissioners Miranda Smith with members of the Glades Central football staff.



The Glades Day Lady Gators JV team includes, front row, left to right, Shelby Markham, Anne Lee, Jessica Paez and Mallory Grimes; back row, Coach Ellen Smith, Sweta Patel, Amanda Browder, Jessica Longoria, Crystal Doney and Assistant Coach Melissa Tucker. (Photo by Linda Lee)

Glades Day Gators varsity boys face St. Edwards today

The Glades Day Gators varsity basketball team brought their record to 6-11, after defeating Kings Academy 74-55 and North Broward 63-49 but losing to John Carroll 70-60.

In last week's action, Jonathan Lively racked up 48 points and 25

rebounds. Tony Porter scored 34 points and 37 rebounds. Jesse Montalbo contributed 41 points and Patrick Cross had 25 points and 25 assists.

The team will try to seek revenge against St. Edwards today (Thursday, Jan. 27) and

Benjamin Saturday, as the Gators lost to those teams the last time they met.

Coach Richard Schmidt said the key to winning this week's games is to continue playing good offense and improving on defense.

Sports shorts

Saturday, Jan. 8
Pahokee Blue Devils lose to Lake Worth 42-52, bringing their record to 3-8.

Glades Central Junior Sidney Desamour won the 152 lb. weight class at the Hendry County Invitational Tournament at Clewiston for the Raiders. Desamour was unseeded and defeated the Nos. 4, 1 and 2 seeds to take first place in the tournament.

Zabian Dowdell, a freshman point guard on the Pahokee Blue Devils basketball team had 18 points and six assists in the win against Lincoln Park.

Monday, Jan. 10
Charissa Anderson and Jente Chapman combined to score 21 points to lead the Raiders past the Clewiston Tigers 49-48. The Lady Tigers record is now 6-6.

Tuesday, Jan. 11
The Pahokee Lady Blue Devils defeat the Clewiston Lady Tigers

62-39. Senior center Courtney Gibson had 23 points, 39 rebounds and two steals and Tamara Dowdell added 20 rebounds and two blocks, bringing their record to 5-4 against the Lady Tigers who stand at 6-7.

Wednesday, Jan. 12
Pahokee Blue Devils senior forward Toquon Starks earned a team high 20 points and eight rebounds to lead the Blue Devils to a 64-34 victory over John Carol, bringing the team's record to 4-8.

Glades Central lost to Lake Worth 74-53.

In girls basketball, the Pahokee Lady Blue Devils narrowly lost to Lincoln Park Academy 62-65.

Thursday, Jan. 13
Lady Blue Devils Shameria Johnson scored 19 points to lead the squad to victory over the Cardinal Newman Crusaders, 57-23.

Glades Central Lady Raiders stand out Charissa Anderson scored

23 points and ten rebounds and Jente Chapman added 17 points, six rebounds and five assists to defeat William T. Dwyer 49-36.

Saturday, Jan. 15
The Pahokee Blue Devils boys varsity basketball team, led by Jermaine Jackson, who scored 20 points and Toquon Starks with 12, defeated the Boca Raton Robcats 51-49. Their record is now 5-8.

Seven Glades Central wrestlers advanced into the finals of the Palm Beach County Central Tournament, with Mario Fraser winning the team's only championship. Sidney Desamour lost to John L. Leonard in the finals of the 152 pound division. The Raiders' wrestlers finished the tournament with 93 points.

Tuesday, Jan. 18
Teldrin Foster led Glades Central in scoring with 14 points and Earl Bennett contributed ten, but the Raiders lost to Wellington in an upset 60-43.

Sun sports this week

January 27, 2000

Pahokee Blue Devils at Glades Central, 6 p.m.

Pahokee Lady Blue Devils vs. Suncoast, away, 6 p.m.

Glades Central Lady Raiders vs. Jupiter, home, 6 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators at Clewiston, 4 p.m. (Jr. High)

Glades Day Lady Gators JV varsity vs. St.

Edwards, home, 6 p.m.

Glades Day Gators vs. St. Edwards, away, 5 p.m.

January 28, 2000

Glades Central Soccer vs. Jupiter, home, 6 p.m.

January 29, 2000

Glades Central Raiders wrestling Benjamin

Inv., away, TBA.

Pahokee Lady Blue Devils vs. Clewiston,

away, 6 p.m.

Glades Central Lady Raiders vs. Suncoast, away, 6 p.m.

Glades Day Gators, home, Benjamin, 1:30 p.m.

February 1, 2000

Glades Central Raiders vs. Okalochoe, home, 7:30 p.m.

February 2, 2000

Glades Central Raider wrestlers at

Clewiston, 7 p.m.

Pahokee Blue Devils vs. Lincoln Park, home, 6 p.m.

February 3, 2000

Pahokee Lady Blue Devils vs. Royal Palm Beach, home, 6 p.m.

February 4, 2000

Pahokee Blue Devils vs. St. Andrews, home,

6 p.m.



Pioneer Park Elementary School sponsored a writing fest Jan. 18 for fourth grade students and their parents during which they reviewed the elements of writing for the Florida Writes Test. According to Writing Resource coordinator Ruby Smith, using last year's results, faculty identified four areas of weaknesses students at Pioneer Park exhibited in the standardized tests. Those then became the theme of centers, where students were encouraged to teach lessons for their parents. Parents also received packets of information emphasizing the use of supporting details in writing, descriptive language, subject verb agreement, ending a story and sentence structure, encouraging parents to become involved in helping their children practice for the test which will be given in February. Ms. Smith said the event drew 75 percent of parents of the 104 fourth-graders enrolled at the school.

(Photo by Tracy Whirls)



Glade View Elementary held an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony for their new Early Learning Center last Wednesday. Project director James Dean and a representative from the Quantum Foundation, which helped fund the program, assisted one of the preschoolers in cutting the ribbon while Glade View principal Gale Fulford, left, Mrs. Dean, right, and Area 4 Superintendent Eugenia Jones, background looked on.

Early Learning Center opens at Glades-View Elementary

By Tracy Whirls

Glade View Elementary School held a ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday for the new Early Learning Center. The Lil P.R.E.P. Academy.

The Lil P.R.E.P. Academy is an on-site day care center for teachers funded as a pilot project for three years through grants from the Quantum Foundation, Inc. and the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. In addition to the grant funding, the Palm Beach County School District contributed the portable classroom facility and teachers using the service pay \$65 a week to enroll their child in the program.

The focus of the day care center, which will serve nine children, is to serve as a recruitment and retention tool for teachers to Belle Glade who are in need of child care services.

The program was the brain child of Glade View teacher James Dean, who with other district staff identified the need for quality day care facilities for teachers as an incentive to hire and retain teachers in the area.

Mr. Dean and his wife Michelle Dean, a fourth grade teacher at Glade View are the parents of a 9 1/2 month old daughter, Reilly. Mr. Dean said it's comforting to himself and his wife to know that his daughter will be cared for by "young, caring" child development associates while they are



Among the first children to be enrolled at Glade View Elementary's new Early Learning Center are Jeslyn Bryant with her mother Casey Bryant, Reilly Dean and her mother Michelle Dean, staff member Lavette McKenzie, CDA with Victoria Green, Lillie Mosley, CDA with Tye McCants, and assistant principal Kim Reid.

In their respective classrooms. In fact, the opening of the center was the key determining factor in Mrs. Reilly's decision to return to teaching now, rather than staying at home with her daughter for a full year, as she had previously planned.

According to Area 4 Superintendent Eugenia Jones the primary goal of the Early Learning Center is to play a role in increasing student academic achievement in reading, writing and mathematics through the recruitment and retention of highly qualified and competent educators.

Historically, because of Glade

View's location in the western most portion of Palm Beach County efforts to recruit such teachers have been hindered by the extensive travel times and lack of available child care. Not only will the facility, which will also be available to serve other Belle Glade teachers who apply, be available during the school day, it will also allow teachers to remain beyond the traditional eight-hour workday for planning, collaboration with colleagues and small group tutoring.

For more information on the Early Learning Center call Doris Mattis at Glade View Elementary at 993-4035.

View Elementary School Cafeteria.

•Thursday, Feb. 3 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Glade View Elementary School Cafeteria.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Gale Fulford or Mrs. Kim Reid at (561) 993-4035.

Local students to participate in Job Shadow Day Feb. 2

On Feb. 2 students across America will "shadow" a workplace, teamed with a workplace mentor as he or she goes through a normal day on the job, getting a close look at how skills learned in school relate to the workplace. For employers participating in Job Shadow Day it's an easy and rewarding experience and will take only a few hours of their time.

This program is a joint effort of a coalition comprised nationally of America's Promise, The Alliance for Youth, the National School-to-Work Office, Junior Achievement, the American Society of Association Executives and locally the Palm Beach County School District's CareerQuest program.

Employers interested in becoming a workplace mentor

for Job Shadow Day 2000 can obtain forms at the office of Communication and Community Development of the Palm Beach County School District or contact Juan Sosa at 930-LINK, (561) 434-8454 or fax (561) 434-8908 or call Kay Zaccagnino at the West Area School District Office at (561) 996-4900.

Lake Shore Middle School Honor Roll for the second nine weeks

8th Grade A's and B's

Mayrory Acosta, Francine Alcala, Sonia Barajas, Jamar Belgrave, Raquel Benjamin, Caronica Byer, Heikala Carreno, Jennifer Cooper, Latariel Denson, Demarcus Dwyer, Roshela Duhart, Rodan Fraser, Priscilla Gutierrez, Evelyn Hernandez, Chelsey Jackson, Travette Joudy, Michael Kay, Thanya Lopez, Nicole Mann, Maria Martinez, Joaquin Mojica, Adriana Moncivais, Armasadie Norman, Johnny Posey, Marshall Rowland, Erica Smith, RoBritney Wilkerson, Romnicka Williams.

7th Grade All A's

Britney Dukos, Jamie Evans, Danielle Griffin, Bibiana Jaimes, Ricika Mann, Javonte Motley and

Shalanda O'Neal

A's and B's

Cristobal Acosta, Iris Arroyo, Ossie Battle, Sherica Buckner, Frakeshia Davis, Silvia Flores, Randy Flowers, Geoffrey James, Josiah Johnson, Latoya Johnson, Latikia Kirkland, Yolanda Lee, Eli Lopez, Roshika Moore, Taddius Moore, Shastya Peltway, Glenroy Scott, Felicia Turner, Roderick Wilkerson and Zena Willis.

8th grade All A's

Samuel Cesaire, Albert Dukes, Latoya Gayle, Rickeyah Godfrey, Jean Lestage, Markenson Pierr, and Joyce Rhoden.

All A's and B's

Yvond Bennett, Sharika Briggs, Johnnie Bryant, Kinard Carey, Rosetta Clark, Tiffany Clark,

Glenesha Collier, Melinda Comrie, John Destin, Ramon Echebado, James Etienne, Lantia Finney, Francis Flores, Claudia Gonzalez, Michael Gooden, Theodore Green, Gentry Harrison, Jonas Hill, Mary Hodges, Robertetta Jordan, Cindy Joseph, Nicole King, Sandy Laborde, Michael Lee, Alvineta Mayes, Tugwonda McClorin, Bruce McKever, Maria Mojica, Norma Monsivais, Tyronna Nordin, Rodrigo Navarrete, Latashia Pearson, Savarion Perry, Raul Ramirez, Estrellita Renderos, Cristobal Rivera, Almeha Roy, Quithisa Sanford, Jokeira Sneed, Tiffany Sumnerall, Erica Thomas, Chiquita Thornton, Jacqueline Trapp, Ketya Ulyse and Tiffany Williams.

Glades Day Honor Roll for first semester

All A Honor Roll

Grade 7

Jaimee Alvarez and Aliana Payret

Grade 8

David Hall

Grade 9

Natalia Alvarez, Blake Horning, Sadie McKee and Nicholas Sanchez.

Grade 10

Dustin Echenique, Kerri Milita, Matthew Sanchez and Chris Sison.

Grade 11

Peggy Altman and Megan Kuziansky

Grade 12

Kelly Alvarez, Joshua Braddock, Lindsey Curtis, Johnathan Lively and Elizabeth McDaniel.

All A and B honor roll

Grade 7

Ginnie Anderson, Gary Chanoy, Laura Harvey, Malory McKee, Haley Moles, Zachary Prescott, Jennifer Romoquez, Alia Samara, Hayley Smith.

Grade 8

Preston Best, Nathan Edwards, Erin Francis, Joshua Trey, Ian Orduña, Amanda Orsengo and Andrea Payret.

Grade 9

Shannon Davis, Ashley Dixon,

Brian Gummere, Amirah Kadi,

Sweeta Patel, Andriana Yezguirre.

Grade 10

Hela Barhoush, Brittany Langenwaller, Melanie Walker and Eric Wingate.

Grade 11

Joanna Alvarez, Melissa Goggans, Ronda Hahm, Rebecca Outz, Denise Penuel, Matt Prescott, Sarabeth Tesado and Marybeth Tynik.

Grade 12

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notes, cards and food have been a great source of strength
through this difficult time.

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The Family of Luke Thomas Weeks

Glade View to host FCAT PREP workshop for parents today

Glade View Elementary is pleased to announce two FCAT Parent P.R.E.P. Workshops to inform parents and the community of the consequences of students failing the FCAT state assessment.

These workshops will target fourth and fifth grade parents,

however, they welcome all parents and community members to attend and become informed of Florida Department of Education mandates regarding student performance.

The workshops will be held: •Thursday, Jan. 27 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Glade

View Elementary School Cafeteria.

•Thursday, Feb. 3 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Glade View Elementary School Cafeteria.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Gale Fulford or Mrs. Kim Reid at (561) 993-4035.

Cat Talk

from Gove Elementary



Principal's challenge...

Kudos to the following students for meeting the 2nd Principal's Challenge last Friday, Jan. 14: Third Grade: Emily Spotts, Lucia Almaguer and Alejandro Albor. Fourth Grade: Von Smith, Alex Williams, Wisnick Lemene, Jessica Hand, Tierra Wilson, Vionnie Brown, Melvin Steward, Jazmin Billings, Eddie Poole, and Jonit Vargas. Fifth grade: Josue Solis, Javaris Tillman, Omar Palomino, Willene Dennard, Javoris Dowdell, Luke Woodham, Leukevia Hudson, Stephanie Kirchman, Jamesia Worthing, Yrausa Garcia, Catrivel Courtney, Andres Roa, Yury Alonso, Chris Alexander, Steven Jackson, Teresa Ruiz, Hiba Ramahi, Sandy Joseph, Tranquilla Golden, Wayne Johnson, Elvira Hernandez, and Miguel Velasco. Sixth Grade: Shalanda Williams and Corsha Haslem. These students are to be commended for the time they spent studying at home. Their hard work paid off! The next challenge has been scheduled for Friday, Jan. 28. Please encourage your children to study harder. We expect lots more to meet the challenge.

A Winning Essay

Congratulations to Vionni Brown, fourth grader, for winning Third Place in the M.L.K. essay contest sponsored by the Palm Beach Cultural Council. Vionni received a trophy and was invited to a special breakfast at the Omni Hotel last Monday, Jan. 17. We are proud to have a winner at our school.

Elk's Lodge Shoot Out

Congratulations to the following students for winning the "Elk's Shoot Out" Jan. 7 and 14: First Place: Vionni Brown; Second Place winners: Melvin Steward, Renee Edwards, James Towell and Ronetta Burden. These students were district winners and will continue to compete in Miami for the Regional Championship. If they win, they will travel to Orlando for the state championship. Good luck!

School Dental Sealant Program

Over 140 students recently participated in the School Dental Sealant Program. This program is sponsored by the Palm Beach County Health Department, Glades Patch Committee and the School Board of Palm Beach County. The purpose of the program is to prevent cavities by placing a plastic coating on the teeth to keep germs and food away from the grooves.

Magnet Applications

Parents of students entering kindergarten next fall need to fill out a magnet application form for our International Studies Program whether they live in or out of our school boundaries. Please stop by the school to pick up a form or call for an appointment at 993-1922. The application deadline is Feb. 25.

English and Spanish classes for parents

Our school will be offering English and Spanish classes for parents starting in the month of February. If you are interested in participating, please complete and return the survey that was sent home with your child or contact the school at 993-1922. More information about the date and time will be forthcoming.

Upcoming Events

- 1/24/00 - FCAT writing, 6 p.m.
- 2/25/00 - Magnet application deadline.



Kathryn E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary School would like to send a special thank you to all the volunteers for what they do for our school. Pictured with the school's first three full time volunteers are: Mrs. Lavoise Smith, assistant principal, Mrs. Hortencia Rodriguez, Ms. Gloria Williams volunteer coordinator, Mrs. Christina Amenez, Mrs. Candice Reddick and Dr. Nancy Lucas, principal. Not pictured are Canal Point's additional new full time volunteers Mrs. Zenaida Rojas, Mrs. Maria Montoya, Mrs. Albertina Montoya, Mrs. Maribel Gonzalez, Mrs. Sylvia Gomez and Mrs. Dixie Lang. Student volunteers from Pahokee High School and the School for the Arts are Shantoria Grey, Shannette Carroll, Yanire Horta, Frank Jackson, Heather Butrough and Lateisha Hill. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Williams at 924-6441 or 924-6480 for more information. Volunteers are needed and welcome.



The students above, members of the Belle Glade Elementary School Safety Patrol and their advisors Barbara Williams and Coach Spencer were among 4,400 students and 370 chaperones who visited Washington D.C. Jan. 13-17.

Glades Day School sponsors Troll Book Fair Jan. 31-Feb. 4

Glades Day School is sponsoring a Troll Book Fair Jan. 31-Feb. 4. New books for young readers will be showcased and admission is FREE. This special reading event features the best of children's literature, with hundreds of award winning and other popular titles on display. Students, teachers and parents will have the opportunity to see and purchase the latest books, chapter books and novels. It will also include a wide selection of science and craft kits and non-fiction titles for the whole family. Proceeds from the Troll Book Fair will be used to support the school's library and classroom reading programs and other school projects. For more information, call Glades Day School at (561) 996-4140. Note: Grandparents Day honoring our Grandparents will be held on Monday, Jan. 31.



The Elk's National Free Throw Contest "Hoop Shoot" Southeast District competition has ended. Pictured are, front row left to right, Ellen Smith, Melvin Steward second place boys 8-9, Vionni Brown, first place girls 8-9, back row, Bridget, James Towell, second place boys 10-11, Ronetta Burden, second place girls 12-13, Renee Edwards, second place girls 10-11 and "Hoop Shoot" director Paul Hart Jr. These students, athletic director and assistants represented Gove Elementary, who represented Southeast Florida in the Miami competition Jan. 22. The Miami Lodge 948 hosted a luncheon and trophy presentation following the contest. Thanks again to the volunteers who made this event a great success. Don't forget, the Belle Glade Elk's Lodge 1716 has a luncheon every Friday from 12:15 p.m. Members and guests are invited to share the fellowship and a great meal!



Kathryn E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary School and all who benefited from the generosity of Evelyn's Closet would like to thank Mr. Neal McDyer, Mrs. Patricia McDyer and Mrs. Lorna Gene Booth, who for the past three years have volunteered their time to bring out clothes that have been donated to families at Canal Point Elementary, St. John's Catholic Church in Pahokee and Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Belle Glade. Evelyn's Closet, located at 4905 South Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, is a thrift shop in West Palm Beach whose sole purpose is to raise funds for Gratitude House, a treatment center for women in drug and alcohol rehabilitation. It is staffed completely by volunteers and everything in the store is obtained through donations. For more information about how you can help our students, families and community, contact Mrs. Gloria Williams, community/parent liaison at 924-6460 or 924-6480.

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Lamb named to Dean's List.

Derek Martin Lamb of Belle Glade has been named to the Fall 1999 Dean's List at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Ga. To make the Dean's List, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and must have a semester grade point average of at least 3.66 with at least 10 hours of course work.

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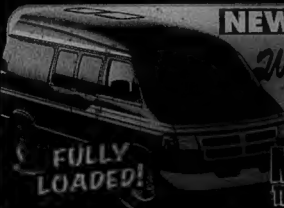
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